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## GST exemption for research grants in education institutions

**NEW DELHI:** GST Council, led by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on Monday announced tax exemption for research funding for higher educational institutions and research centres established under central or state laws, as well as institutions that enjoy income tax exemption.

At the meeting, the Centre proposed the change, which states accepted with West Bengal being the first to concur with the move.

The decision was prompted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who questioned notices sent to seven institutions on research grants, in light of gov't efforts to boost R&D by allocating funds for research through the budget and creation of the National Research Foundation, Sitharaman told reporters after the meeting. She clarified that the notices were not an attempt at "tax



**Government inks Rs 26k cr contract with HAL for procuring 240 Sukhoi**

**NEW DELHI:** The defence ministry on Monday inked the mega over Rs 26,000 crore contract with Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) for the procurement of 240 aero-engines to power the Sukhoi-30MKI jets, which will sustain the operational capability of the 259 such Russian-terrorists" but a matter of interpretation by officers, who wanted to do their job properly, as some research funding had a component that could be perceived as a "quid pro quo arrangement". Sitharaman said that

origin fighters in the IAF combat fleet. The 240 AL-31FP aero-engines will be manufactured by the Koraput division of HAL, with the defence PSU sourcing some components from Russia. Under the contract, signed in the presence of IAF chief Air Chief Marshal. irrespective of whether the

funding is from private or public sources, there will be no GST irrespective on the arrangement. "Research funding may eventually lead to development.

### These cities will be equipped with advanced infrastructure

The government's approach ensures these cities will be equipped with advanced infrastructure that supports the seamless movement of people, goods, and services. Generate employment The projects will create advanced greenfield smart cities featuring modern infrastructure and multi-modal connectivity, aligned with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, and are expected to generate around 1 million direct and up to 3 million indirect jobs. Sustainable development The projects incorporate ICT-enabled utilities and green technologies to minimize environmental impact. The aim is to provide quality, reliable, and sustainable infrastructure, creating industrial cities that exemplify environmental stewardship.

The approval of these 12 new industrial nodes marks a significant milestone in India's industrial development. The projects underscore the government's commitment to transforming India's industrial sector and fostering a vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive economic

## Centre confirms mpox case, but says it's a different strain

**NEW DELHI:** The Union health ministry on Monday confirmed that the person who was recently isolated on arrival to India from an African country is positive for the Monkeypox (Mpox) virus. However, the ministry clarified, the strain of the Mpox virus affecting the person, West African clade 2, is not part of the current public health emergency. "This case is an isolated case, like the earlier 30 cases reported in India from July 2022 onwards and is not a part of the current public health emergency (reported by WHO) which is regarding clade 1 of mpox," the health ministry explained.

Sources said the person found positive for Mpox had travelled to India from a country experiencing ongoing Mpox transmission. 1x1 polls He is currently isolated at a designated tertiary care isolation facility in Delhi. "The patient remains clinically stable and is without any systemic illness or comorbidities," said a gov



**In US, Rahul slams govt on jobs; BJP says he's 'tarnishing India's image'**

**NEW DELHI:** Taking up from where he had left off before the 2024 polls, Rahul Gandhi again attacked Modi govt while on a foreign tour, blaming it for unemployment, growing influence of RSS and for the Sangh's allegedly regressive views on women. The remarks, part of a discussion at University of Texas, elicited a strong reaction from BJP which called the leader of opposition in Lok Sabha a "black spot"

source. She added that the case aligns with earlier risk assessments and continues to be managed according to

on Indian democracy "who sullies the image of India on foreign soil". Speaking to students in the US, Rahul, asked about the employment problem, said the US used to be the production hub till the 1960s after which jobs moved to Korea, Japan and China, and China today dominated global production. "You go to India, you look at the phones, you look at the furniture, you look at the clothes... you will see 'Made in China'.

established protocols. "Public health measures, including contact tracing and monitoring, are actively

### BJP demands legal action against Cong's Digvijaya for 'indecent' jab

**NEW DELHI:** The BJP on Sunday demanded legal action against senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh for allegedly making an objectionable remark about Madhya Pradesh BJP chief VD Sharma. A delegation, led by Bhopal BJP president Sumit Pachauri, approached local crime branch officials, seeking an FIR against Singh for allegedly using the term "napunsakta" (impotence) in reference to the BJP MP chief. "Singh had deliberately used the indecent word against Sharma, who is also Lok Sabha MP from Khajuraho, to tarnish his image and to provoke their cadre to launch an agitation to disturb law and order during the ongoing Ganeshotsav. We have sought case against Singh under sections 356, 356 (1) and 352 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita," Pachauri said. Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Singh had said "a triple-engine government, at Centre, state and civic and local body level.

### RBI defers exchange-traded currency derivatives rules



**MUMBAI:** RBI has deferred the implementation of its rules on exchange-traded currency derivatives by a month, resulting in traders scrambling to square off their positions. RBI's circular, which was scheduled to come into effect on April 5, said that only traders with an underlying forex exposure can trade in currency derivatives. Exchange-traded currency derivatives, like futures contracts, help companies hedge against currency risk. For instance, an Indian exporter expecting payment in US dollars in three months, can use currency futures to mitigate potential losses from adverse exchange rate movements. By entering a futures contract to sell US dollars at a predetermined rate, the exporter locks in a viable exchange rate. The market for exchange-traded currency derivatives has been thriving for a decade because of positions taken by investors with a view on the currency. However, RBI said that its recent circular only reiterates its existing position. "The regulatory framework for exchange-traded currency derivatives has remained consistent over the years, and there is no change in RBI's policy approach," it said. The circular, issued on Jan 5, retained most of the earlier regulations, including a requirement that trades over \$100 million would require proof of exposure. This requirement of proof for higher value trades was being interpreted by participants to mean that those who did not have any exposure could participate in lower value transactions.

## Cabinet approves setting up of 12 industrial smart cities; gives nod to 4 other major projects

**NEW DELHI:** The Union Cabinet on Wednesday took five big ticket decisions among which the government approved setting up of 12 industrial smart cities with an investment of Rs 28,500 crore under National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP). The move is set to generate employment of around 12 lakh direct jobs and



20 lakh indirect jobs. "India is set to build world-class greenfield industrial smart cities with 'plug-n-play' and 'walk-to-work' concepts. Cabinet approves three mega railway projects covering Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Chhattisgarh worth Rs 6,400 crore Central government approves expansion of Agricultural Infrastructure Fund scheme Union

Cabinet approves expansion of private FM Radio to 234 new cities; Cabinet approves setting up of 12 industrial smart cities; gives nod to 4 other major projects These projects aim to create robust and sustainable infrastructure, fostering investments and promoting balanced regional development," said a press release by the Cabinet Committee.

## ED slaps fine of Rs 908 crore on DMK MP for violation of foreign exchange

**NEW DELHI:** DMK MP S Jagathratchakan on Wednesday was slapped with a penalty of Rs 908 crore in a case related to the violation of foreign exchange rules. The Enforcement Directorate statement said that properties worth Rs 89.19 crore seized in September 2020, have been confiscated following an adjudication order under the Foreign Exchange Management Act



(Fema) issued on August 26. The federal agency acted on a complaint initiated by a business Tamil Nadu. The investigation led to a seizure order dated September 11, 2020, under Section 37A of Fema, for various mov-

able and immovable properties belonging to DMK MP S and his family members. These properties are valued at Rs 89.19 crore. This investigation, it said, resulted in the passing of seizure order.

## Security forces also busted an underground terrorist hideout

**NEW DELHI:** An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district on Wednesday. The operation is under way in Kupwara's Tangdhar area. The exchange of firing began at the Khushal Post in the Tangdhar area, near the Line of Control, security forces told news agency PTI. There are no reports of any casualties so far, the officials said. This comes days after an exchange of gunfire took place between security forces and terror-



ists in Sopore's Watergam area in Jammu and Kashmir, resulting in the elimination of one terrorist. Following the gunfire the alert security personnel promptly retaliated to the firing and the area was cordoned off by the security forces. Sharing a post on

X, the Chinar Corps, Indian Army had said: "One terrorist eliminated and war-like stores recovered. Operation is continuing." Last week, the security forces also busted an underground terrorist hideout in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri.

### Cong slams govt for 'dissolving' Standing Committee on Statistics

**NEW DELHI:** The Congress on Sunday hit out at the government over the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation reportedly dissolving the Standing Committee on Statistics, alleging it was done as its members repeatedly asked why the decennial Census due in 2021 has still not been conducted. The Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has "quietly dissolved the 14-member Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS) headed by eminent economist and former chief statistician of the country Pronab Sen, allegedly after its members questioned. tary in-Jairam Ramesh said, "And for what? Simply for repeatedly asking the Government why the decennial Census last due in 2021 has still not been conducted.

### Delhi LG office to Centre: AAP govt filing false cases



**NEW DELHI:** The office of lieutenant governor V K Saxena has written to the Union home ministry alleging that concerted attempts were being made by AAP govt in the capital to "mislead" courts by filing "motivated and premeditated petitions" with the apparent aim of "influencing" the justice delivery system. In a five-page communication, Saxena's principal secretary Ashish Kundra alleged that "patently false affidavits" were being filed by the elected dispensation to secure an endorsement

for such motivated petitions. "GNCTD vs LG in various matters in different courts has become the prevalent norm, rather than an exception," he said, referring to specific cases. "The attempts obviously are, apart from misleading the courts, (intended) to create a false media narrative which maligns the constitutional office of LG in public domain." In transferred subjects, LG has no role to play: Letter to Centre Kundra referred to several cases that are currently.



## Governor's two-day visit to Prayagraj

Prayagraj: Governor Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel will come to Prayagraj tomorrow, September 10, 2024 at 10:15 am. Thereafter, the Governor will attend the convocation ceremony organized at Professor Rajendra Singh (Rajju Bhaiya) University from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and will distribute Anganwadi kits. Thereafter the Governor will attend the program organized at Allahabad Museum at 03:50 pm.



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Madam Governor will attend the convocation ceremony organized at Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University on September 11, 2024 from 11:00 am to 1:45 pm and will distribute Anganwadi kits. The Governor will leave from Prayagraj for Lucknow at 3:30 pm.

## Newly appointed principal prioritizes appointment of her close ones: Verma

Prayagraj: Addressing the meeting held today at Chandra Guest House in Rajapur on behalf of Diocese of Lucknow Employees Union, President of Employees Union Sunil Kumar Verma said that during the tenure of former Bishop Peter Baldev, many employees and teachers were fired from their jobs. Among them there are those who have consistently raised their voices against corruption and came forward to oppose the wrong policies of former Bishop Peter Baldev. Addressing the meeting, President of Diocese of Lucknow Employees Union, Sunil Kumar Verma said that accountant Mudit Mohan Srivastava, who was fired from Bishop Johnson Girls College in the year 2021, has not yet got justice, while the court has dismissed the petition filed by him in the Supreme Court. The defendants have been given a last chance to present their side by severely reprimanding them. Meanwhile, former Bishop Peter Baldev was dismissed from his post and Principal Parul Solomon was also removed from the post and now new Principal Shirley Masih has taken charge. President Sunil Kumar Verma also told that Mudit Mohan Srivastava also played an important role in fighting the battle of the current Bishop Morris Edgar, in such a situation it was believed that after the appointment of Bishop Morris Edgar Dan, his appointment will be done on preference but the school Principal has neither fear of the court nor respect for the dignity of the Bishop. Sunil Kumar Verma told that instead of giving justice to the employees who have been fighting for justice for years, the newly appointed principal is giving priority to the appointment of her close ones, which the employee union strongly opposes and demands from Bishop Morris Edgar Dan that in the interest of justice. First, those employees should be appointed who have been working for the benefit of the organization. Rakesh Vikas Gupta, Rambali Seema Gupta, Jaswant Daniel Deepak Vaishali, Advocate IR Khan, Advocate Jitendra Singh, Senior Advocate Sanjay Pathak, Advocate Santosh Srivastava etc. were present in the meeting.

## Divisional Railway Manager encouraged employees for excellent safety work

Prayagraj: At 11 pm, there was a fire in S&T cable and box on foot over bridge number-2 at Prayagraj Junction Railway Station. The employees present at the station were alert and controlled the fire by using fire extinguishers. Due to the alertness of the employees, damage to railway property was avoided. In this incident, due to the alertness of the staff, there was no harm to any employee or passenger. Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj Himanshu Badoni congratulated Railway Protection Special Force/Lucknow, Vikas Kumar III for the excellent work in controlling the fire on Foot Over Bridge No. 2; Technician-2/Electrical Department, Santosh Kumar; And Technician-3/Electricity Department, Prakash Jaiswal; Contract sanitation worker, Akash Kumar; Met contract sanitation worker, Chandrah and sanitation worker supervisor, Rakesh Kumar, praised them and encouraged them for good work. Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj, while encouraging all the employees, said that Railways has an important role in the upcoming Kumbh and we all have to work with caution to give a safe and pleasant travel experience to the devotees.

## Aashirvaad Bikaneri Besan teams up with Rupali Ganguly

Varanasi: Aashirvaad, has launched a heart-warming new TV campaign starring popular actress Rupali Ganguly. Set against the nostalgic backdrop of monsoon, the film brings to life simple yet profound joy of family bonding over a plate of crispy, golden pakoras made with Aashirvaad Bikaneri Besan. Aashirvaad Bikaneri Besan, is made from 100% chana dal sourced from Bikaner, Rajasthan. It is then processed using state-of-the-art Air Classifier Mill (ACM) technology to preserve the aroma and consistent granulation in a contactless end-to-end process which ensures hygiene. Aashirvaad Besan also undergoes 45+ stringent quality tests and checks. Speaking about the new campaign, Mr. Anuj Rustagi, COO, Staples & Adjacencies, ITC Ltd., said, "Through our new TVC, we are not just showcasing the product Aashirvaad Bikaneri Besan, but also celebrating the moments that make family bonding special. Our commitment continues to be in providing great quality offerings that helps cherish such memorable family moments, and we believe this campaign will be well-received by our consumers."

# Eager to kiss coffin of Ali Asghar, crowd of devotees gathered

Prayagraj: To kiss the coffin of six-month-old Hazrat Imam Hussain in late Khurshid Hussain's old shrine located in Azadabakshi Bazaar. When Zaigham Abbas recited the Purdard Marsiya, Zakir-e-Ahlebeit Sarfaraz Hussain addressed the Majlis. Anjuman Guncha e Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar read sad Nauha. Farman Raza, Rizwan Jawwadi, Maqsood Rizvi, Hasnain Akhtar, Hussain Raza, Mirza Azadar Hussain, Syed Mohammad Askari, Zamin Hasan, Abbas Zaidi, Zaman Naqvi, Jaun Zaidi, Shahih Abbas, Salman Mustafa etc. were included. Alvedai Majlis was

organized by Maulana Aamirur Rizvi in which Reyaz Mirza and Shuja Mirza started the Majlis with Soz and Salaam, poet Anwar Abbas and poet Nayab Baliyavi made an introduction. Maulana Syed Razi Haider Rizvi addressed the Majlis. Shadab Naqvi read the Khususi Nauha. Anjuman Hussainiya Qadeem Daryabad read Purdard Nauha. After Majlis Shabih-e-Taboot Imam Hussain Alaihissalam Ziyarat was taken out. A procession was taken out from Hatif Hussain's Azakhana with Aqidat and Ahteraam. Alveda or Hussainshahganj Pathargali Imambara was



conducted by late Hatif Hussain and Najeeb Allahabadi. In Qayaadat, a procession of 'Alveda Ya Hussain' was taken out with 'Aqidat' and 'Ehteraam'. Reyaz Mirza and Shuja Mirza read the Marsiya. Maulana Zargam Haider Saheb Qibla inaugurated the

Majlis. The coffin of Imam Hussain, Zuljanah, Alam and Tazia also accompanied the procession.

Anjuman Hashimaya, Anjuman Hussainiya Qadeem, Anjuman Shabbiriya, Anjuman Mazlumiya, Anjuman Asgaria, Anjuman Mohafize Aza and other Anjumans took out a procession reciting Nauha sequentially. In the end, Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar took out the vegetable market. Located Azakhana Swa Asad Reached Raza and completed the procession. Prominent in the Majlis and procession were Adeeb Raza, Najeeb Raza, Habib Raza, Jarkhej

Abbas, Zain Abbas, Zeeshan, Rizwan, Wazir Haider, Farukh, Tabish Sardar, Hali Haider, Abdi Bhai, Ishaat, Abdi, Yashab Abdi, Mehdi Abbas, Syed Mohammad Askari etc. were included. Maulana Akhtar Hussain Saheb Qibla addressed the annual Majlis on behalf of Mohammad Mehdi Rizvi at the residence of Noah Rizvi in Daira Shah Ajmal, while Zaigham Abbas read the Marsiya. Anjuman Guncha e Qasimya The sailors of Bakshi Bazaar read Purdard Nauha. Mirza Azadar Hussain, Zafar Raza, Shahanshah Abdi, Ahsan Raza, Arshad Naqvi, Nazmul Hasan, Zaheer Abbas etc. were included.

## Three-day Int'l seminar from Sept 12 to 14

Ambassadors of 11 countries will participate: Dr. Uday Pratap Singh

Prayagraj: A press conference was organized in the courtyard of New Jade Garden Civil Line regarding the organization of an international seminar under the aegis of Thakur Harnarayan Singh Degree College. On this occasion, the director of the college, Dr. Thakur Uday Pratap Singh said that Thakur Harnarayan Singh Degree College is going to organize an international seminar from 12th September to 15th September. Ambassadors of 11 countries will participate in this international seminar which includes Mauritius, Fiji, Ecuador, Ghana, Suriname, UAE, There will be business and social delegates from Seychelles, Lesotho, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Arab League Mission, India and abroad and further said that professors and researchers from various universities and colleges are coming in this seminar who will present their papers on 10 sub-topics of environment. Will give notice lectures and express their views on various environmental problems arising at the global level, human values, energy conservation, water conservation etc. and will

discuss and debate with the social activist scientists and international heads of state working in this field at the national and international level. Will work to provide

direction for the seminar and told that the registration to attend this seminar is till 11:00 am on 14th September 2024 and the date for the submission of paper is till 20th September 2024 and said that this seminar will be completed in 6 sessions in which the first The session will be the inaugural session, the second, third and fourth session will be for technicians, the fifth session is for the lecture of foreign ambassadors and the cultural session on 14 Sep-

tember 2024 from 6:00 pm at Allahabad Medical Association Hall, Prayagraj, near Maharana Pratap Square, Civil Lines. It is scheduled in which famous singer



Piyush Mishra will be singing Orissa and Kashmiri dance. The chief guest of the inaugural session of the program will be Professor Akhilesh Kumar Singh, Honorable Vice Chancellor Professor Rajendra Singh Rajju Bhaiya University of Prayagraj. Apart from this, CSJM University Kanpur Bundelkhand University Jhansi Jannayak Chandrashekar University Ballia DSMNRU University Lucknow Purvanchal Uni-

versity Jaunpur Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot Gramodaya University Jaiprakash University Chhapra Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Lab University

Prayagraj Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Prayagraj Central University Jharkhand and four former Vice Chancellors will attend the press conference. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani conducted the press conference. Deputy Director of the college Thakur Vinay Pratap Singh, Principal Ajay Goswami Goyal, Abhishek Thakur, Nitesh, Abhilash Kesarwani and respected journalists were present in the press conference.

## Worship of Shri Ramarcha, huge Bhandara held

Prayagraj: Shri Ramaarchan Pujan Mahayagya organized at Shri Rameshwaram Dham Tamil Nadu in the presence of Mahamandaleshwar Swami Shri Ram Santosh Das Maharaj of Shri Panch Bhai Terah Tyagi Akhara Shri Ayodhya Dham concluded today. In this, saints, mahatmas and a large number of devotees from every corner of the country participated and worshipped. During the puja, the consecration and worship of Lord Shri Ram, Mata Janaki and the court was done as per rituals with flowers. After this, people took Prasad in the huge Bhandara. National Saint Mahamandaleshwar Swami Saryu Das Maharaj Mahatyagi, Mahamandaleshwar Bhagwan Das Maharaj, Swami Gopal Das Maharaj and a large number of prominent saints along with their disciples participated in the Sri Ramarcha puja. National Saint Mahamandaleshwar Swami Sarju Das Ji Maharaj Mahatyagi told that he had darshan of Jyotirlinga in the religious city of Shri Rameshwaram and prayed for the upliftment of all Sanatana. He told that he visited all the other pilgrimage places including Sri Rameshwaram Temple, 22 Kund Snan, Agnitheertham, Dhanushkodi Temple, Jatayu Theertham, Lakshman Theertham along with the saints and sages.



## New office bearers of All India Shri Valmiki Young Man Organization elected

Prayagraj: The All India Shri Valmiki Young Man Organization (Registered) elections were held in Ulhasnagar. The All India Shri Valmiki Young Man Organization's work meeting was concluded in which Pradeep Kumar Vinod was unanimously elected as Mohan Ram Singh Kandare as President in Mumbai, And Jagdish Prasa, National General Secretary, Uttar Pradesh, Suresh Itwari Rathi, Uttar Pradesh, was nominated and also took the responsibility of completing the committee and forming the team at all the places. In the said meeting, Rakesh Talk Sanjay Rathi Sandeep Chauhan Sandeep Chauhan Kishan Anand Kishan Anand Veerpal Valmiki Ramakrishna Valmiki Punnulal Valmiki Guru Prakash Rao Rakesh Geder Mahesh Marathiya and others were present.



## Local traders and citizens of Mirzapur cross the bridge daily in fear

Mirzapur: The Shastri Bridge, considered the lifeline of Mirzapur, has been a hot topic of discussion recently. Since a part of the sidewalk broke, it has become a serious issue. Although the broken part has been repaired, the question arises whether the administration is aware of the bridge's condition and still remains complacent, or will it take timely action? Perhaps the administration is waiting for a major accident to wake up. The Shastri Bridge has been serving for over 50 years, and its construction has its own unique story, which raises doubts. Adding to the woes, there is no arrangement to stop overloaded and heavy vehicles, which could be diverted to alternative routes.

The monsoon's wrath is no secret, and the network of rivers in Purvanchal causes significant damage to the general public every year due to floods and erosion. The rising water levels and erratic monsoon could spell disaster for the Shastri Bridge. Since this bridge connects cities like Jaunpur, Varanasi, Bhadohi, Gopiganj, Allahabad, Sonhadra, and Varanasi, it plays a crucial role in local trade. If the administration wakes up in time and installs barriers on both sides of the bridge to stop heavy vehicles, the bridge could continue to serve for a few more days. Had the administration installed large and high barriers for heavy vehicles earlier, the bridge would not have reached this state. However, the administration neither thought about it before nor wants to take the trouble to think about it now, even if citizens cross the bridge in fear.

## Poetry competition and language discussion organized on Hindi Fortnight in Jagat Taran Girls Degree College

Prayagraj: Jagat Taran Girls Degree College, Prayagraj Poetry competition and language discussion of budding poets under Hindi Month/Hindi Fortnight Hindi Department and Official Language Implementation Committee It was organized in the auditorium of Jagat Taran College. The program started with garlanding and lighting of the lamp on the picture of Mother Saraswati. The lamp was lit by chief guest Kush Srivastava and special guests Shailendra Madhur, Rajeev Naseeb and Principal Professor Ashima Ghosh. Whose chief guest Kush Srivastava, President Gyan Gun Sagar Vahini said in his address that Hindi is our mother, it is the supreme duty of all of us to learn the values by sitting at the feet of the mother and following them. We should be

proud of our language. He said that poetry enriches Hindi and proves helpful in reaching out to the masses. Principal Prof. Ashima Ghosh honored the guests by presenting them Sal Ang Vastram bouquet. Special

without Hindi language. Poet-shayari Rajeev Naseeb enthralled the audience with his creations. He said that Hindi is being spoken all over the world today. The jury heard the poems of all the young

got second and Shailja Tripathi Young Christian College got third. Consolation prizes were given to Palak Mishra, Shambhavi and Pragya Yadav of Jagat Taran Girls Degree College. Professor Asima Ghosh, Principal of Jagat Taran Girls Degree College, while welcoming the guests, said that Jagat Taran Girls Degree College is working for the promotion of Hindi. The college has always been in the leading role. On the said occasion, senior Hindi teacher Dr. Ratan Kumari Verma was also honored. Coordinating Professor Anshumala Mishra, Hindi Department, Jagat Taran Girls Degree College expressed thanks. The program was efficiently conducted by program coordinator Dr. Vijayalakshmi. All the college and inter-college participants and a large number of students were present in the program.



guest renowned lyricist and litterateur Shailendra Madhur said that poetry is a medium of human sympathy. Poetry is the medicine to keep one alive, poetry teaches the art of living. Congratulating the budding poets, Shailendra Madhur said that the idea of a self-reliant India is incomplete

talents taking the poetry competition department of litterateurs Shailendra Madhur and Rajeev Naseeb and announced the first, second, third and three consolation prizes. In which Vaishnavi Pandey Rajarshi Tandon Mahila Vidyalaya got first, Annapurna Tiwari Jagat Taran Mahavidyalaya

## Ganesh Puja and Sunderkand organized

Prayagraj: Ganesh Puja and Sunderkand was organized in the new branch of Hindi Vidyapeeth Maheva, Naini, before the start of the session 2024-2025, in the new branch of Rajarshi Tandon Mahila Mahavidyalaya, constituent Allahabad University, Malviya Nagar Prayagraj. Ganesh Sahastrachan was performed from the lotus feet of Dr. Shashi Tandon, Chairperson of the College Governing Body. College Governing Body members Mr. Vinay Kumar Tandon ji, Principal Prof. Ranjana Tripathi, Prof. Neelima Singh, Prof. Namita Yadav and other teachers, teachers, non-teaching staff of the college, Principal of Rajarshi Purushottam Das Inter College Mr. Swaminath Tripathi Teachers Dr. Ram Prakash Mishra Mrs. Akanksha etc. were present.





## Minister Nandi performs Ganesh worship at Piyush Goyal's residence

Prayagraj: Industrial Development Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, at the residence of Union Minister Piyush Goyal on

faith, religiosity and festive spirit. There is an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm in the entire country! Minister Nandi said that the diligence,



Teen Murti Marg in the country's capital Delhi, like last many years, this time too on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, he worshiped Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. As always, received the warm and intimate family company of respected Piyush Goyal ji. Minister Nandi said that Ganesh Utsav is a festival of Indian culture, tradition,

spontaneity and hard work of Union Minister Piyush Goyal always inspires! I consider myself extremely fortunate for the way he, as his younger brother, cares about our happiness and sorrow! Wish all the well being from Mangalmurthy Gajanan! During this, Minister Nandi had a cordial meeting with the dignitaries of politics and media sector.

## Musical play "Fire of Partition" staged

Prayagraj: Vinod Rastogi's famous article "Fire of Partition", which has been staged not only in the country but also abroad was presented by Prayagraj's prestigious theater group "Vinod Rastogi Smriti Sansthan" on Monday in the second cultural evening of the ten-day public Ganeshotsav organized by Maharashtra Lok Seva Mandal and Lokmanya Tilak Lok Seva Trust, Alopibagh, Prayagraj.



That musical presentation written by Vinod Rastogi ji, left the audience emotional. In the presentation, through the story of division of a farmer family, it was shown that one should be cautious of those who want to divide the country and divide people on caste lines and such conspiracies. During and at the end of the presentation, the audience kept resonating with applause and kept clapping with their hands while enjoying the music. On stage - Shubham Verma, Krishna Pratap Singh, Abhilash Narain, Shashank Pandey, Digvijay Singh, Anuj Kumar, Pratima Srivastava and Ahona Bhattacharya acted. Off stage: Music and harmonium - Uday Chandra Pardesi, Dholak - Praveen Kumar Srivastava, Chorus - Utkarsh, Gajendra, Shubham, Pratik, Abhishek, Zaid, Tushar, Shanku and Sayoni. Lighting composition - Sujoy Ghoshal, presenter - Alok Rastogi and concept and direction - Ajay Mukherjee.

## New office bearers formed in Kaushambi Karate Association

Prayagraj: Reena Sharma has been nominated as the new president of Kaushambi Karate Association, while Vice President Narendra Kesarwani, Treasurer Shalini Singh, Secretary Atul Sonkar have been nominated again in this post. All the people of Kaushambi district congratulated Reena Sharma on becoming the new president of Karate Association of Kaushambi and said that karate players will develop in Kaushambi too and they will also bring glory to the district by participating at the national level District Olympic Association Kaushambi has also given its recognition to Karate Association of Kaushambi.

## Higher Education Minister to attend convocation ceremonies of Prayagraj universities

Prayagraj: State Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay will reach Circuit House in Prayagraj on Monday night. During this time, he will participate in the convocation ceremonies of major universities of Prayagraj district along with State Governor Anandiben Patel. On September 10, 2024 (Tuesday), Minister Upadhyay will participate in the 7th convocation of Prof. Rajendra Singh (Rajju Bhaiya) university from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. After this, on 11 September 2024 (Wednesday) from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, he will attend the 19th convocation of Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University. After the conclusion of the ceremonies, Yogendra Upadhyay will return to Lucknow in the evening.

# Tribute paid to ex-councilor and BJP leader Dilip Jaiswal on 14th d'anniv

Prayagraj: On the 14th death anniversary of late Dilip Jaiswal, former councilor of Bharatiya Janata Party and former leader of Sadan Municipal Corporation Prayagraj, a seminar and bhandara prasad was organized by Bharatiya Janata Party Prayagraj Metropolitan in the courtyard of Shri Nirmal Panchayati Akhara, Kidganj on our resolution 'Developed India 2047'. On this occasion, the chief guest of the program, former Cabinet Minister Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani and Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that the life of late Dilip Jaiswal ji was dedicated to social service, he was a soldier of true nationalism, even if his workplace

was The new colony may have been Kidganj but he remained the leader of entire Prayagraj and further said that under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is running fast to become a developed nation. Today the whole world is considering India as its leader and in the coming days India is definitely moving towards becoming the third economic power of the world and said that India's growing economic power is India's enemy country, China, Pakistan and many other countries who are not happy internally and such countries are not happy with India's growing steps. In order to stop India, Congress is helping anti-Sanatan and anti-national

parties like SP, TMC, Left in every possible way and their only objective is to stop Prime Minister Narendra Modi's move to

door under the organization's membership campaign to give edge to the membership campaign for building a developed

answer the enemies of the country inside and outside the country.

Apart from this, Deputy Mayor Murari Lal Aggarwal, District President Jamuna Par Vinod Prajapati, State Vice President of VHP Suresh Aggarwal, Shashi Varshney, Vivek Aggarwal, Ranjit Singh, Jamunotri Gupta, Akanksha Sonkar, Jai Shree Jaiswal, Kusum Lata Gupta, etc. expressed their views.

The main organizer of this occasion, BJP Councilor Party's Chief Whip and Councilor Kiran Jaiswal, remembered the past moments with her husband late Dilip Jaiswal ji and said that the people of Kidganj area have helped in making the dreams of late Dilip Jaiswal

ji come true. He has blessed us, we can never forget him. On this occasion, he welcomed the guests. Before this, Sunderkand Path was organized and all the people present paid emotional tribute to Late Dilip Jaiswal Ji and Prasad was distributed. Presiding over the program Mandal President Premchandra Gupta conducted the operation. Rajesh Kesarwani conducted the occasion. Pramod Modi, Vivek Aggarwal, Raju Pathak, Girjesh Mishra, Rajan Shukla, Chandrashekhar Mishra, Manoj Mishra, Basant Lal Azad, Councilor Mukesh Kasera, Councilor Rana Vijay Singh, Councilor Mayank Yadav, Councilor Rudra Sen Jaiswal, and hundreds of BJP workers.



wards a developed India, which is going on in the Lok Sabha elections.

He said that the Bharatiya Janata Party workers are going door to

nation of India. He said that we need to support the Bharatiya Janata Party for building a developed India. We will have to be strengthened and we will have to

## World Physical Therapy Day celebrated in SHUATS

Prayagraj: World Physical Therapy Day (WPTD) was celebrated in the Physiotherapy Department of Naini-based Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Sciences (SHUATS). Theme of the WPTD 2024 was 'Restoring hope and quality of life'. Chief guest of the event Dr Sanjeev Kumar Jha, Executive President of Indian Association of Physiotherapists appreciated the contribution of physiotherapists to the physical well-being of humans. He encouraged the students to grow physical therapy skills for development of a healthy society. Guest of Honour of the event Dr CJ Wesley, Additional Registrar and Chairman Athletic Committee SHUATS advised students to dedicatedly serve society by learning physio-

therapy skills by heart. Guest speaker for the program Dr Anurag Agrawal, Orthopedic Surgeon, Devpad Ortho Trauma Center, Prayagraj delivered a theme-oriented presenta-



tion and spoke about the role of physiotherapy in post-orthopedic trauma. Head of Physiotherapy department, Dr Sanjay Kumar motivated the next-generation physiotherapists and delivered a vote of thanks to the attendees. Academic

achievers of the physiotherapy department were felicitated in the program. Theme-based seminar presentations and cultural activities were also held.

Dr. Abhishek Rai, Dr.

Mr Anup Masih, Ms Neha Martin and Mr Amol Kumar Agnihotri were also present on this occasion. Faculty members of Physiotherapy department Mr Rajneesh Tomar, Mr Ashish Pandey, Ms Ashita Tiwari, Ms Surabhi Shrivastava, Mr Shahid Ajaz, Ms Nidhi Mishra, Mr Gladwin Masih and students of the physiotherapy department especially Vivek, Aryan, Madhu, Rishi, Karishna and Sachin constructively systemized the event. World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT) has designated September 8 as World Physical Therapy Day since 1996. WCPT was established in 1951 on this day. WPTD is celebrated every year to raise awareness about the crucial contribution of professionals to keep people well, mobile and independent.

## Abhilasha Nandi meets deceased trader's family, extends support

Prayagraj: After the tragic demise of Arun Kesarwani, Senior Vice President of Prayagraj Trade Board, outgoing Mayor Abhilasha Gupta Nandi Ji today visited his residence in Nakhass Kohna Prayagraj and met the bereaved family members and expressed her heartfelt condolences. "I pray to God to give place to the departed saint at his feet. I was deeply saddened to hear this news that day. This is a very difficult and sad time for you and your family, and I have no words that can ease your grief. Arun Bhaiya's personality was unique and inspiring. He will always be alive in our hearts. His memories will always be with us. In this difficult time, I and my family are with you. Please maintain patience and courage. We are with you. I and the Minister have assured all possible help. I pray to God to give peace to Arun ji's soul and give you and your family the strength to overcome this difficult time," said Abhilasha Gupta while extending heartfelt condolence to bereaved family.



## Mahila Mandal formed by Shri Ram Barat and Ramlila Committee

Seema Kushwaha elected president and Poonam Dwivedi General Secretary

Prayagraj: Shri Ram Baraat Committee Priyadarshini Nagar, New Pura Karaili, like every year, this year also Ramlila was organized at Ramlila Maidan from 2nd to 5th October. Will be staged and the 42nd Shri Ram Baraat will be organized on October 6 with full grandeur and decorations on its designated routes. Meanwhile, committee di-



rector Kaushal Singh said that Mahila Mandal was formed by Shri Ram Baraat and Ramlila Committee. Gaya which was organized at Suhagan Palace Guest House. In which President Seema Kushwaha and General Secretary Poonam Dwivedi were unanimously elected. Mainly Anita Mishra, Lakshmi Bahuguna, Poonam Kushwaha, Neelu, Geeta Sahu, Gunjan, Munmun, Vandana Kushwaha, Puspika Kushwaha. Many officials of the organization including Sunita, Anita, Kiran, Ravi Kesarwani, Vijay Singh, Subhash Kushwaha, SP Srivastava, Puneet Verma, DK Jaiswal, Deepu Bhai Vimlesh Sonkar were present.

## Memo submitted to Tehsildar after Kisan Panchayat

Prayagraj: Kisan Panchayat was held today in Tehsil Karchana under the leadership of President Ajay Kumar Mishra and after that a memorandum was given to Tehsildar



Karchana. The memorandum was submitted in Block Karchana under the leadership of Block President Veetmanyu Pandey. The Kisan Panchayat was presided over by senior social worker Ramraj Adivasi and the Panchayat was managed by Rahul Zamindar. Vijay Pandey, Bajrangi Mishra, Pawan Mukundi, Shashank Yadav, Suresh and others were present in the meeting.

## AIMIM holds protest demonstration, demanding arrest of Mahant Ramgiri

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen AIMIM Metropolitan President Afsar Mahmood and District President Meraj Ahmed, a public protest demonstration was held at the district headquarters regarding the arrest of Mahant Ramgiri Maharaj, who made objectionable statements on Prophet Mohammad Sahib and a 3-point memorandum was submitted to His Excellency. The entire Muslim community is hurt and angry over the objectionable remarks made by Mahant Ramgiri on Prophet Mohammed Sahib, handed over to the District Magistrate by Madam President. In the memorandum to

Madam President, the Indian Justice Code has been used against the Mahant



for words intended to hurt religious sentiments. A demand was made for immediate arrest under the charges of uttering etc. and intentionally hurting the reli-

gious sentiments of a particular class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs

zen. In the protest, strict action was demanded without any discrimination against those who spread hatred in the society in the name of religion and caste. Mainly Youth District President Aamir Badshah, Youth Metropolitan President Mohammad Zaid, apart from Ifikhar Ahmed Mander, Majid Farooqui, Taufiq Ahmed, Riyaz Ul Haq Chaudhary, Shariq Kalim, Tariq Nadeem, Naseem Ahmed, Naem Ahmed, Sultan Ahmed, Dr. Jamil Ahmed, officers, Ahmed, Salman, Afzal, Mohammad Masoom, Mohammad Umar, Mohammad Noor Alam, Meraj, Chhotu Sarfuddin Mohammad Zahid, Mohammad Aslam, Mohammad Asad, Kalimul Rehman, etc. were present.

## Two more accused involved in theft from store of Railway, arrested

Prayagraj: Amiya Nandan Sinha, Inspector General/Railway Protection Force, NCR, Prayagraj under the guidance and Vijay Prakash Pandit, Senior Divisional Security Commissioner/Kushal of Railway Protection Force Prayagraj Division. In the course of the campaign being run under Operation Railway Security under the direction of the Inspector, about a month ago, at night, by breaking the lock of the store located in the Divisional Railway Manager's office, Prayagraj, arrest of thieves involved in theft of huge amount of railway property and recovery of railway property. Railway Protection Force, Post Prayagraj Shiv Kumar Singh and later on investigation after being transferred to Crime Branch / Railway Protection Force, Kanpur, the team under the leadership of Crime Branch Inspector Ajit Kumar Tiwari, in-charge, arrested a total of 12 persons including three receivers in three times. During the arrest, all the stolen railway property was recovered. In the same sequence, on 08.09.2024, Crime Branch/Kanpur Inspector Ajit Kumar Tiwari and Railway Protection Force Prayagraj's U.N. Om Prakash and U.N. Umesh Kumar Saroj Hamrah staff arrested two thieves Manglu Shaikh and Shahid Shaikh, who were absconding in the incident, from Kareli. They were arrested with a huge amount of railway property.





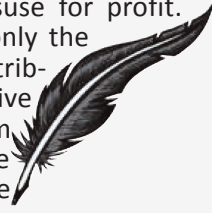
## Editorial

### Why Celebrities Are Seeking Legal Protection For Their Personality Rights

In the Anil Kapoor case, the court established the protection of personality rights in the realm of AI and deepfakes. However, this hasn't deterred the illegal use of celebrities' personal attributes for financial gains. Regarding the existing laws, advocate Naik says: "I feel the current laws and the jurisprudence that we got from the Delhi High Court in matters of Mr. Bachchan or Mr. Kapoor are good references. I personally feel the time has come for us to protect personality rights. Like the one provided by the Copyright Act." However, the challenge lies in taking tangible action to identify infringers, notify them, and ensure compliance. Jackie Shroff's case marks the first instance of a court restraining an unlicensed Chatbot. "There is a need for updated legislation or legal interpretations to address these emerging issues and provide stronger protections for celebrities' persona in the digital age. Additionally, enforcement mechanisms may need to be strengthened to effectively combat the misuse of AI-generated content," observes Masodi. In the online world, cybercriminals exploit AI for nefarious purposes to make money while jeopardising people's reputations. Celebrities are taking the lead, and the courts are establishing principles and precedents. Being vigilant to preempt damage is crucial.

The Delhi High Court recently issued an order safeguarding the personality and publicity rights of film actor Jackie Shroff, restraining several social media accounts, AI Chatbots, and e-commerce websites from exploiting the actor's name, voice, or image for commercial purposes without his consent. Shroff petitioned the court against the unauthorised use of his name and persona, seeking protection against various individuals and entities utilising and misusing his identity without permission. The proliferation of AI-generated deepfake videos has exacerbated concerns for celebrities. Jackie Shroff's isn't the first instance of a film star resorting to legal action to protect their personality rights. Over the past two years, the Delhi High Court has issued interim orders to prevent the unauthorised use of Amitabh Bachchan and Anil Kapoor's name, image, and voice. The question arises: why are some celebrities turning to courts for the protection of their personality rights, while others refrain? "Where there is demonstrable misuse, people are approaching. Personality right is a facet of publicity right," says advocate Ameet Naik, who has represented Bachchan, Kapoor and now Shroff in their respective personality rights suits.

In India, laws regarding personality rights are still evolving, with courts deriving principles from Article 19(1)(a) (freedom of speech and expression), Article 21 (protection of life and personal liberty), and intellectual property rights laws. "A few celebrities may choose not to pursue legal action due to various reasons such as the perceived insignificance of unauthorised use, the costs involved in litigation, or a desire to avoid negative publicity," says Shoeb Masodi, Partner, M&P IP PROTECTORS. Personality rights, as the name implies, pertain to the rights associated with the personality of a well-known individual, primarily applicable to celebrities whose names, images or voices are prone to misuse for profit. The concept dictates that only the owner or creator of these attributes has the right to derive monetary benefits from them. Personality rights have gained importance alongside the right to privacy given the kind of fame celebrities enjoy today.



## Issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities

On October 7, 1950, the communist troops advanced in eastern Tibet, and after smashing the ill-trained and ill-equipped Tibetan army, Chamdo, the capital of Kham Province, fell to the invaders. On November 7, Sardar Patel, the deputy prime minister, despite his poor health, sent a long letter to the prime minister about the implications of the Chinese invasion of Tibet for India's northern border. Five days later, the dying Sardar (who passed away on December 15) constituted this committee to examine the possibility of Chinese communist troops occupying the areas south of the McMahon Line or elsewhere on the Indo-Tibet border and "to consider the feasibility or advancing outposts of the Assam Rifles in order to forestall such ingress".

esides Maj Gen Himmatsinghji, deputy minister of defense (chairman), it included Lt Gen Kulwant Singh, K Zakaria, head of the Ministry of External Affairs' historical division, SN Haksar, joint secretary also from MEA, Group Captain MS Chaturvedi from the Indian Air Force, and Waryam Singh, deputy director of the Intelligence Bureau. After discussing at great length the advisability of pushing forward a post to Tawang, it was decided to go ahead. It was also decided to send troops to Nelang (then written Nilang) and Jadung (then



Jadhang), two tiny villages south of the Tsangchok-la, the pass marking the watershed in the area, in the Chamoli district.

During the 1962 Indo-China war, both villages were abandoned, and their residents were relocated to safer nearby areas.

Far away in the east, at the Tawang War Memorial in Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian Army, along with the Tawang administration and the local Monpa population, commemorated the 74th anniversary of the arrival of Maj Bob Khathing in the area in 1951, the Manipuri Naga officer took over the administration of the border town of Tawang, south of the McMahon Line; a communiqué of the Defense PRO in Guwahati thus explained, "After the valiant Major undertook a treacherous march from the plains of Assam to Tawang, negotiat-

ing Sela and Bomdila passes during peak winters, leading a contingent of 200 Assam Rifles troops and 600 porters for a difficult maiden mission, thus materialised the formal establishment of Indian civil administration at Tawang." The above two events are linked as the takeover of both places' administration is the result of a decision of the Himmatsinghji Border Defence Committee created by the Army Headquarters on November 12, 1950.

#### Let us remember the facts

One can imagine what would have happened if the prime minister had been in the loop.

#### The Occupation of Nelang/Jadhang

Till date, the details of the occupation of Nelang remain shrouded in secrecy, though we know that it is also an outcome of the Himmatsinghji Committee, which sent a report in two parts to the Government of India. The first part consisted of its rec-

ommendations regarding Sikkim, Bhutan, NEFA, and the eastern frontier bordering Burma. The second part contained the recommendations on the borders in Ladakh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Nepal; it was submitted in September 1951. The preliminary reports recommended that the Indian forces should immediately occupy Tawang and Nilang.

Already in May 1950, the Ministry of External Affairs had sent a note to the Ministry of Defense asking the latter to comment on the feasibility of walking into the Nilang/Jadhang area. The Ministry of Defense then observed: "The area under dispute is an extremely difficult country physically and climatically, with hardly any communications. It therefore follows that operations in the area will have to be confined to short periods and undertaken by specially trained infantry organized on an ad hoc basis with very scanty artillery support and no support whatsoever from either tanks or aircraft."

If the Sardar were able (from wherever he is) to see the recent events in these two places, he would certainly be extremely pleased. The writer is Distinguished Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence (Delhi). Views expressed in the above piece

are personal and solely that of the writer. They do not necessarily reflect Firstpost's **The Role of Jairamdas Daulatram**

One man was central in the setting up of Maj Khathing's expedition to Tawang; it was Jairamdas Daulatram, the governor of Assam. It is sad that his role has been more or less forgotten today. On December 10, 1950, he managed to get the concurrence of the Ministry of External Affairs headed by Nehru; a Joint Secretary concurred with the Committee, "We cannot agree to a unilateral occupation of Tawang by the communists." The ball then started rolling, and preparations for the expedition began. Maj Khathing received detailed instructions from Nari Rustomji, the advisor to the governor, on behalf of Daulatram himself.

#### Precise tasks were given to the young and bold officer.

The first task was to occupy Tawang. Khathing was asked to explain to the local population and Tibetan officials that he was "doing no more than is being done by the administration in other parts of Indian territory;" in 1914, Tibet had agreed to the McMahon Line, north of Tawang being the boundary. The major was ordered to "treat any Tibetan or other officials you may meet with courtesy, but nevertheless let them understand that jurisdiction in the area vests.

### Snatching Mamata's OBC Pie for Muslims, Starving Vote-Bank Politics

"This court's mind is not free from doubt that the said community has been treated as a commodity for political ends. This is clear from the chain of events that led to the classification of the 77 Classes as OBCs and their inclusion to be treated as a vote bank. Identification of the classes in the said community as OBCs for electoral gains would leave them at the mercy of the concerned political establishment and may defeat and deny other rights," it noted. The court observed that the decision of the State was an affront to the Muslim community as it was being treated purely as a vote bank. The National Commission for Backward Castes had discovered that 118 of

179 groups in the Bengal OBC list were Muslims! In the Most Backward Class category, of 81 communities 73 are Muslim and only eight are Hindu. Of the 98 communities in Category B, 45 are Muslim and the rest Hindu. The state's Muslim population in 2011 was 27 per cent. How can one-fourth of the population snatch three-fourths of OBC benefits? Besides, NCBC chairperson Hansraj Gangaram Ahir found that illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar's Rohingya had made their way into the beneficiaries list. He said state officials initially claimed that these were Hindus who had later converted to Islam. Asked for proof, they slinked away. Earlier, a

Constitution bench of the Supreme Court under CJI YK Sabharwal had stated that the concerned State will have to "show in each case the existence of the compelling reasons, namely, backwardness, inadequacy of representation and overall administrative efficiency before making provision for reservation...the State has to collect quantifiable data showing backwardness of the class and inadequacy of representation of that class in public employment in addition to compliance of Article 335." The Calcutta High Court has gone as far as calling the practice of arbitrarily giving Muslims a slice of the OBC quota a fraud on the Constitution. "The State has reserved to itself.

**Thiruvananthapuram.** Since then, the BJP has intensified its efforts to gain representation in the Lok Sabha, steadily increasing its vote share in Kerala with each election cycle. The NDA secured approximately 20 per cent of the vote share this time in Kerala, with the BJP leading in 11 assembly segments: Kazhakkootam, Vattiyoorkavu, Nemom, Attingal, Kattakkada, Manaloor, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad.

Furthermore, the NDA emerged as the runner-up in eight assembly constituencies: Thiruvananthapuram, K o v a l a m , N e y y a t t i n k a r a , Kayamkulam, Haripad, Manjeshwar, Kasargod, and Palakkad. This performance signifies a notable shift in Kerala's political landscape. In addition to Suresh Gopi, who emerged as the clear victor in this election, the BJP also witnessed Sobha Surendran challenging the Marxist stronghold in Alleppey. Sobha's vote share increased from 17.24 per cent to 28.3 per cent, marking the single largest increase for any candidate in Kerala. The election season introduced many other leaders who are likely to shape the future of Kerala's politics and contribute to the state's sociopolitical landscape in the coming years. In Thrissur,

Hindu voters make up 63.2 per cent of the population, followed by Christian voters at 21.4 per cent and Muslim voters at 15.4 per cent (according to the 2011 Census figures). This region is also known for its religious tourism, with famous temples like G u r u v a y u r , Vadakkunnathan, and Paramakkavu attracting visitors. Additionally, Thrissur holds the title of being the cultural capital of Kerala and hosts the magnificent Thrissur Pooram, one of the largest religious events in the state. The Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency comprises seven assembly segments: Guruvayoor, Manalur, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad. All seven segments have elected representatives from the Communist Party to the legislative assembly of Kerala. In the 2019 elections, the Indian National Congress received 40 per cent of the votes in this constituency, followed by the Marxist Party at 31 per cent and the BJP at 28.3 per cent. Suresh Gopi was the NDA candidate for Thrissur in 2019 and despite losing the Lok Sabha election, he continued to focus on the region and contested in the state Assembly polls of 2021. In the 2021 assembly elections, P Balachandran of the Communist Party emerged as the

winner with a vote share of 34.25 per cent, followed by Padmaja Venugopal of the INC with a 33.52 per cent vote share. Suresh Gopi finished third with a vote share of 31.30 per cent. Despite facing setbacks in two successive elections and being pushed to third position, Suresh Gopi remained steadfast. He maintained a visible presence among Thrissur's voters and continued his humanitarian work in the region. In 2023, Thrissur was confronted with a severe crisis. The cooperative banks had reached their peak, resulting in many individuals losing their hard-earned deposits to the Karuvannur bank scam. Suresh Gopi emerged as a champion for the people, mirroring his on-screen action-hero persona. His proactive involvement in this crisis established him as a real-life champion for the people. During the Nari Shakti Sammelan held in Thrissur in January 2024, party leadership indirectly endorsed Suresh Gopi's candidacy. Around the same time, Padmaja Venugopal, daughter of former Kerala Chief Minister K. Karunakaran and Suresh Gopi's former opponent in the Assembly elections, joined the BJP. Further bolstering his support, the Left-leaning independent mayor of Thrissur.

### A changing Kashmir votes and vents about education, aspiration, and 3 de-hyphenations

UPSC, NEET, JEE—all the things young people want—are sought after by all. These hoardings feature several successful student photographs. Kashmiri post-stone-throwing generation. They represent the Valley's future. I messaged my old buddy and fellow traveler Uday Shankar, previously of Star-Disney and now a great entrepreneur, to say I see so many Allen hoardings that the location should be renamed the Valley of Allen or Allentistan. He proudly told me how many young Kashmiris are passing these tests to become physi-

cians, engineers, etc. Those nostalgic for militancy and secession might find it a distraction. If so, no distraction is more good. Even tripling defense funding or enacting a legislation three times as harsh as UAPA cannot change the fact that so many tens of thousands of boys and girls desire to compete with the best and choose employment elsewhere. We see what hasn't changed and the tensions within most clearly on the walls. Gupkar Road is home to Kashmir's powerful. The principal Valley parties created the Gupkar Alliance for that reason.

Reinforced concrete walls up to 18 feet and more make each 'home' a fortress. On walls, you may discover stronger steel sheets with rolled concertina fencing. Even Sergei Bubka, a famous pole vaulter, would struggle to pass this hurdle. This won't change soon. Farooq Abdullah teaches me for about two hours under a tree. He says violence is gone, things are better. Youth are still outraged, though. They consider Delhi 'vindictive'. Too many are imprisoned in distant states. My best translation and summary of this peaceful teaching over

fresh, sliced strawberries would be: Peace is fine, but what's the benefit? Things are improved, people appreciate peace, and Pakistani delusions are ended. Take nothing for granted. He often discusses history, the numerous turns he has taken since making his public debut as a subaltern to his father. He is one of India's oldest and most vibrant and passionate politicians, approaching 87. When we revisit Article 370, that passion shines. "They say Kashmiris are now Indians after abrogation. We weren't Indians before? Like every chronic geopolitical.



## UP CM Yogi introduces 'MYUVA Scheme' to empower youth entrepreneurs



**Delhi:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will launch the "Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA)" plan to encourage young entrepreneurship. This ambitious project shows the government's commitment to empowering young entrepreneurs and encouraging innovation and enterprise. Through MYUVA, enterprising youth will obtain support and tools to establish their entrepreneurial endeavors, boosting Uttar Pradesh's economy. CM Yogi has ordered MSME Department staff to speed up the initiative's action plan. The

directive emphasizes the government's determination to quickly adopt MYUVA. Officials must submit the action plan quickly to promote entrepreneurship and youth development in Uttar Pradesh. The Yogi administration provides interest-free financing for projects up to Rs 5 lakh to prepare one lakh young entrepreneurs each year. The 2024-25 budget includes Rs 1,000 crore for this endeavor. This unique program empowers educated and skilled youngsters across the state to create self-employment and MSMEs. The initiative promotes entrepre-

neurship to create rural and urban jobs. The plan offers interest-free loans up to Rs 5 lakh to industry and service ventures. Finance 1,00,000 units annually to directly benefit one million units (10 lakh units) over 10 years. Participants in the Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana, One District One Product Training and Toolkit Scheme, Scheduled Caste, Tribe, Other Backward Class Training Scheme, and Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission Skill Upgradation (Kaushal Unnayan) will be eligible for assistance. This program also

## UEA Offers Indian Students UK Higher Education Scholarships

**Delhi:** The University of East Anglia (UEA), one of the UK's top 25 universities, has launched a variety of scholarships for Indian students. Graduate and undergraduate applicants for 2024-2025 can apply for these scholarships, which cover tuition, housing, and living expenses. Indian postgraduate students studying Economics, Humanities, Engineering, Chemistry, and Law are eligible for the £4,000 UEA India Award. Following

**Global Undergraduate Excellence award: This distinguished award offers UEA undergraduate programmes to outstanding overseas students**

UEA's entrance requirements immediately qualifies candidates. Undergraduate Scholarship: UEA India High-achieving Indian undergradu-

ates at UEA can get a £4,000 tuition price discount in their first year. Global Undergraduate Excellence award: This distinguished award offers UEA undergraduate programmes to outstanding overseas students. Valued at £4,000 each year, exceptional applicants may receive £10,000. Gita and Sonny Mehta India Scholarship: UEA's Department of Literature, Drama, and Creative Writing offers this scholarship to bril-

liant Indian writers. Applicants must submit a separate £28,500 application. David Sainsbury Full MSc Scholarship: This scholarship covers the tuition cost (£31,500), maintenance grant, and £4,000 travel fees for Global Plant Health applicants. Scholarships are individual and cannot be combined. The UEA website lists deadlines. Framework is part of Norwich Research Park, Europe's.

## Research Internships from UGC Give Students Stipends, Insurance, and Academic Credits

**Delhi:** Stipends, insurance, and academic credits are awarded to fourth-year undergraduates who complete research internships. Participating enterprises must pay interns a set amount, according to UGC norms provided to higher education institutions. Nodal officers for research internships will negotiate

with corporations for the program at higher education institutions.

Higher education institutions may also seek group internships. The Four Year Undergraduate Programme's fourth year will include the research internship. Every student will have an internship supervisor to help them finish

their work on time. The UGC solicited stakeholder input on this guidelines draft. UGC chairperson M Jagdish Kumar said it implemented a credit framework at the undergraduate level following the National Education Policy 2020. He claimed the internship is mandatory to boost student employability.

Educational institutions will survey local market demand for research internships. Surveys and courses will inform internship projects. Educational institutions must publish internship projects and mentor information. Industry representatives should have been in career counseling, it said.

**Over 1,300 beggars got skills**

**Delhi:** The economic survey says the Delhi government started skill development for homeless beggars last year. It claims 1,312 of Delhi's 16,000 homeless and pavement residents were taught between March and September 2023. The government said an interdepartmental committee would train city homeless before the 2023 G20 Summit. The lieutenant governor and chief secretary ordered.

## Within two months, Physics Wallah's 'Alakh AI' had 1.5 million users

**Delhi:** In less than two months, Physics Wallah's indigenously-built AI education package 'Alakh AI' has seen over 1.5 million users. It debuted the suite in late December 2023. Alakh AI offers AI Guru: Personalised Tutor, Sahayak: Smart Companion Powered by AI, and NCERT Pitara. At its flagship event, Vishwas Diwas, Physics Wallah launched innovative educational technolo-



gy projects. With the theme 'Padhai Ka Naya Andaaz (A New Era in Education)', the edtech platform featured innovations to make learning more personalized, effective, and engaging.

"'Padhai Ka Naya Andaaz' is more than a theme; it is our commitment to provide a learning experience that transcends traditional boundaries, making education more personalised,

effective, and engaging for every student," Physics Wallah CEO and Founder Alakh Pandey stated. This effort centers on Physics Wallah 2.0, a futuristic strategy that employs technology to improve student achievements. Physics Wallah has launched new technologies and offered up to 80% off most online courses. Its FY23 sales was Rs 798 crore, growing 3.4 times from the previous year.

## Congress leader Pradeep Chaudhary welcomed MP Deepender Hooda on his arrival

**Kaithal:** Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee member and former Chief Minister of Haryana Ch. Pradeep Kumar Chaudhary, a special supporter of Bhupendra Singh Hooda, said that in Haryana Ch. If the Congress government is formed under the leadership of Bhupendra Singh Hooda, monthly pension of Rs 6000 to the elderly, 300 units of electricity free to every family, gas cylinder for women at Rs 500, confirmed recruitment on 2



lakh vacant government posts for the youth, for poor families. By implementing the free plot scheme of 100-100 yards, along with building houses on that plot, the old pension scheme will be implemented for the employees. Pradeep Chaudhary was talking

to Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Singh Hooda last day in the office located near the bus stand in Kaithal after a formal meeting in Kaithal. Congress state executive member Pradeep Chaudhary said that before 2014, during the Hooda

regime, Haryana which was number 1 in per capita income, per capita investment, law and order, sports players and providing employment, today Haryana is the worst in unemployment, crime, drugs and corruption.

Has become number 1 in. The government is sending the youth here to war-torn areas like Israel by giving them contract jobs through Skill Employment Corporation. Whereas other countries.

## MG Motor India introduces new Hector variants Shine Pro and Select Pro

**HISAR :** MG Motor India has announced the launch of two new variants of India's first Internet SUV – MG Hector. Named Shine Pro and Select Pro, the new variants pack many new features, intuitive technology, safety, and driving convenience. With a bold-striking exterior and interiors standardised with best-in-segment offerings and unique design elements, MG Hector now starts at an attractive price of INR 13.99\* Lakh (ex-showroom). With a host of best-in-class offerings like its dual-pane panoramic sunroof\*, MG Hector is a great value proposition for SUV enthusiasts who prefer to lean towards technology and top-notch performance in their vehicles. Both

new variants, Shine Pro and Select Pro, offer a superior in-car infotainment experience with India's largest 14-inch HD portrait infotainment system, complete with Wireless Apple CarPlay & Android Auto and a Wireless Phone Charger. The new variants of the Hector feature LED Projector Headlamps, Floating Light Turn Indicators, LED Blade Connected Tail Lamps, and Chrome Outside Door Handles. With an All-Black theme in premium upholstery and leather-wrapped steering, along with a brushed metal finish (CVT 5-seater), both Shine Pro and Select Pro variants come with a Full Digital Cluster with a 17.78 cm Embedded LCD Screen. On the com-

fort and convenience front, the Shine Pro and Select Pro offer a Push Button Engine Start/Stop with a Smart Key. The new variants also offer the first-in-segment Digital Bluetooth® Key and Key Sharing capability\*. "Since its launch in 2019, the MG Hector has made a bold statement with its commanding presence and has redefined the SUV landscape with a multitude of tech features and superior driving comfort. With ADAS Level 2 and Connected features. Each subsequent variant has set new benchmarks in the segment by offering a harmonious blend of comfort, advanced technology, and ergonomic design. Using insights from our market research.

## Galore of cricket, entertainment and cine starts as CCL reaches Chandigarh and Mohali

**Chandigarh:** The Celebrity Cricket League (CCL) will witness its zenith at the Punjab Cricket Association (PCA), Mohali when home team 'Punjab De Sher' serves spectators a blend of Cricket, Fun and Cine stars. Team Punjab De Sher reaches Chandigarh for its last league matches and sweating hard during practice sessions. Team will face Bengal Tigers, Captained by Jisshu Sengupta on the glittering evening on March 8 followed by yet another clash against Mumbai Heroes, captained by Ritesh Deshmukh on March 9 under floodlights. Team captain Sonu Sood is confi-



dent that they will make a comeback in the tournament by winning both the league matches. Meanwhile, a match will be between Bengal Tigers and Bhojpuri Dabangs captained by Manoj Tiwari, Member of Parliament on the afternoon of March 9. This match will also witness popular Bollywood faces such

as Sohail Khan, Suniel Shetty, Jenelia Deshmukh and many more. Puneet Singh and Navraj Hans, Co-owners, Punjab De Sher, extended his Punjabi liberty by serving an open invitation to cricket and cine fans. According to them, Punjabis are always cheerful and open hearted, hence they expect a massive fan base with their

complimentary passes. Punjab De Sher hopes that fans will turn in numbers to cheer for their favourite team – Punjab De Sher. Fans need to register on Punjab De Sher's website and social media platforms to grab the complimentary passes and in lieu they will have a memorable evening. Along with their practice, the Punjab De Sher team will also be visiting college campuses, popular hangouts and malls of Chandigarh Tricity to perform promotional activities and meet their fans to distribute free VIP passes and gift hampers.

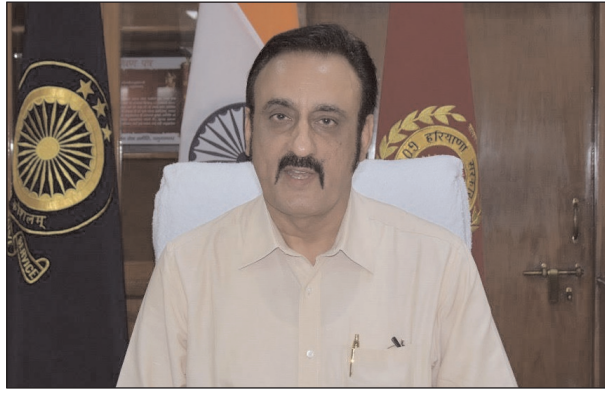
## Computerized EWS lottery determines school entrance.

**Delhi:** The Delhi High Court ruled that schools must follow the Directorate of Education (DoE)'s computerized draw of lots for economically weaker section (EWS) admissions. Justice C Hari Shankar noted that the computerized draw of lots is based on the class strength communicated by the schools, and if a school does not have enough general students, it must apply to the DoE to reduce the number of EWS students. A pupil seeking admission to a private school's pre-primary class after a successful DoE computerized draw of lots petitioned the court. The school denied admission to the petitioner because the actual number of general category admissions was less than what was communicated to the DoE, and it had already admitted 25% of the actual number under the EWS category per legal mandate. "Once a school communicates the number of general category and EWS seats available with it for being filled in an ensuing academic year.



## Legal action will be taken against those who violate the model code of conduct - District Election Officer

**DC Captain Manoj Kumar warned those who put up promotional material at public places in the district without permission**



district administration are continuously active to ensure compliance with the Model Code of Conduct. Employees of Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Municipality and Development and Panchayat Department are removing promotional material put up without permission from public places. Action will also be taken

against printers and their employees who put up promotional material without permission. District Election Officer and DC Captain Manoj Kumar said that if any person in the district violates the Model Code of Conduct, legal action will be taken against him. If the printers and their employees who prepare hoardings and

promotional material in the district are found violating the rules at any public place without permission, legal action will be taken against them as well. All printers will publish the name of the person publishing the hoarding, the number and information about themselves on the promotional material. Wherever promotional material is found without permission in the district, action will be taken against the concerned under the People's Representative Act, Indian Justice Code and Property Defacement Act, etc. DC Captain Manoj Kumar said that the administration is working seriously to ensure

compliance of the Model Code of Conduct in the district. For this, 36 flying squad teams have been formed. 9 teams each will keep vigil in all the four assembly constituencies of the district namely Sadhaura, Jagadhri, Yamunanagar and Radaur assembly constituencies. The District Election Officer appealed to the people of the district to cooperate with the district administration to follow the Model Code of Conduct. If any violation of rules is found anywhere in the district, immediately inform the Election Commission of India on its app C-Vigil or the District Administration's toll free number 1950.

## Sri Krishna Janmashtami festival was celebrated with great pomp in S.K. Global Academy

**Kaithal:** Lord Krishna Janmashtami festival was celebrated with great pomp in S.K. Global Academy, Karnal Road, Kaithal. In the academy, small children dressed in beautiful clothes had taken the form of Lord Krishna and Radha, which were captivating everyone. Small children danced on the bhajans of Lord Krishna and Radha. The principal of the academy, Seema Rani, told the children in detail about the life of Lord Krishna



and inspired them to take inspiration by following his ideals and thoughts. On this occasion, Lord Krishna and Radha were worshipped and prasad

was also distributed among the children. On this occasion, teachers like Shalu, Veena, Pooja, Kumari Rajni, Kumari Komal etc. were present.

## DC reviews progress of development projects

**Ludhiana:** Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sawhney reviewed the progress of various development projects being carried out by several departments in the district on Friday. Presiding over a meeting with heads of departments, the Deputy Commissioner comprehensively assessed the physical and financial status of the projects in different parts of the district. The officials briefed



the Deputy Commissioner on the current situation, achievements of on-going projects, and new infrastructure developments such as roads, streets, libraries,

Anganwari centers, pond renovations, stadium repairs, Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), installation of solar lights, open gyms, community halls, new drainage systems, and other infrastructure projects in city and villages. The DC urged officials to expedite the progress of on-going works to ensure timely completion and instructed them to utilize all available resources to minimize delays.

## 100 million Customers in India Enjoy Seamless and Rewarding Digital Payments with Amazon Pay UPI



**GURUGRAM:** Amazon Pay UPI has witnessed widespread adoption across the country with over 100 million customers now using the service. Leading use cases include mobile recharges, utility bill payments and e-commerce transactions. This one-stop payment solution provides convenience through its lightning-fast transactions (under 3.5 seconds), auto-torch for low-light scanning on iPhone, constant reminders and management of bill payments, and a rewarding experience with offers from over 10,000+ online as well as multiple offline brands, amongst others. Amazon Pay UPI has become a significant success, streamlining transactions both on the Amazon.in shopping app and across a wide range of external platforms. This seamless integration has enabled users to effortlessly manage their digital payments, making everyday transactions more

convenient and secure. Since its launch in 2019, Amazon Pay UPI has witnessed strong user preference from across big states of Maharashtra, UP, Bihar, West Bengal, Karnataka especially in the tier 2 & 3 expanding access for digital. Moreover, the 18-24 years age old bracket, led the adoption of Amazon Pay UPI. Speaking about the milestone, Vikas Bansal, CEO, Amazon Pay India, said, "Amazon Pay is committed to offer a secure, fast, ubiquitous, and rewarding payment experience for its customers. UPI has revolutionized the way customers transact online and we see a vast, untapped potential within the UPI ecosystem, including opportunities in wallet-on-UPI and credit line on UPI. We are humbled and proud that 100M customers have chosen Amazon Pay UPI as their preferred choice of online payment experience."

## Om Logistics Acquires ICD Bawal for INR 110 Crore, Sets New Logistics Benchmark

**GURUGRAM :** Om Logistics, a pioneer in supply chain and logistics management in India, has made a big announcement with the acquisition of Inland Container Depot (ICD) Bawal in Haryana for a staggering INR 110 crore. This significant investment marks a major milestone in Om Logistics' journey, further solidifying its position as a leader in the industry. Strategically located on the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and within the Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Corporation (HSIIDC) industrial estate, ICD Bawal is a state-of-the-art multimodal logistic hub built on 20 acres of land. The facility features 2 automated rail lines, a 30,000 sq. ft. custom bonded warehouse space and a capacity to handle 5,000 containers of EXIM cargo per month.



ICD Bawal boasts exceptional connectivity to major ports, including Mundra, Pipavav and JNPT, ensuring seamless cargo movement. Its proximity to Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL) and other airports also enables efficient air cargo handling. The depot is also strategically located near NH48 and NH71, providing easy access to northern and western India via road connectivity.

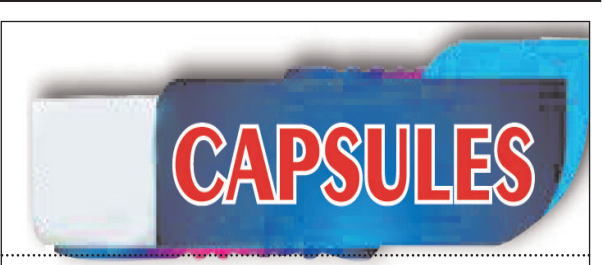
Further, ICD Bawal has direct connectivity to the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) and Indian Railways, facilitating swift rail cargo

movement. This acquisition enables Om Logistics to expand its PAN India operations, reduce average transit times and optimize supply chain management. "This milestone demonstrates our commitment to revolutionizing supply chain management and setting new benchmarks in the logistics industry," said Raghav Singhal, Executive Director of Om Logistics.

ICD Bawal features advanced technology, including automated container movement systems, real-time GPS tracking and app-based monitoring.

## Delhi man stabbed by son, undergoing treatment

**NEW DELHI:** A 54-year-old man was injured after allegedly being stabbed by his son during an argument in the Vishnu Garden Extension area of west Delhi, police said on Tuesday. The injured man, identified as Raj Kumar Rattan, suffers from a kidney ailment and requires regular dialysis, they said. "He is stable and undergoing treatment," a senior officer said. Personnel at Khayala police station received a call about an alleged stabbing incident at 11 pm on Monday. It was found that a quarrel had broken out between Rattan and his son Sachin Rattan (29), he added. Sachin Rattan stabbed his father during the argument and fled. Rattan was taken to GGS Hospital and, after first aid, shifted to Safdarjung Hospital. He is stable and undergoing treatment.



## Cabinet Minister Jouramajra pays obeisance to Sant Baba Ishar Singh Ji (Rara Sahib)



**Raj Kumar Sharma Ludhiana:** Punjab Minister of Information and Public Relations & Horticulture, Defence Services Welfare, Freedom Fighters Chetan Singh Jouramajra on Sunday paid obeisance to Sant Baba Ishar Singh Ji (Rara Sahib). MLA Payal Manwinder Singh Gaspura was also accompanied by the Cabinet Minister. Jouramajra mentioned that Sant Baba Ishar Singh Ji Maharaj had set a spiritual path for humanity and generations of people are getting benefit. Teachings of Sant Baba Ishar Singh Ji Maharaj are more relevant in today's world than ever and that is the reason that people through this place. He also met Baba Baljinder Singh Rara Sahib and assured fulsome support of the AAP government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. He also listened to the 'kirtan' or hymns there. The cabinet Minister was also honoured on the occasion. The Minister urged the people to follow the teachings of Sant Baba Ishar Singh.

## Vet Varsity Partners with Young Lady Entrepreneur to Launch Cattle Feed Start-ups in Punjab



**Ludhiana:** Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana and AS Cattle Feeds, Kotkapura, Faridkot, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on consultancy services for feed formulation. In an impressive ceremony, S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Speaker of Punjab Legislative Assembly, Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor and university officials witnessed the signing of the agreement by Dr. JPS Gill, Director of Research, and Mrs. Sukhpreet Kaur, young lady entrepreneur. S. Sandhwan, emphasized the importance of such collaborations in driving national development and ensuring food security. "This partnership is a testament to our commitment to fostering innovation and bridging the gap between research and industry. It is crucial for our animal sector to benefit from the latest advancements in feed formulation," he remarked.

## Misleading advertisements case: SC closes contempt proceedings against Ramdev

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court has closed contempt proceedings against Swami Ramdev, Acharya Balkrishna, and Patanjali Ayurved Ltd. in connection with the misleading advertisements case. Ramdev and Acharya had faced criticism from the Supreme Court for Patanjali's deceptive ads that went against evidence-based medicine. The company was found to have violated their earlier commitment to refrain from broadcasting or publishing such misleading advertisements. "The

court has closed the contempt proceedings based on the undertakings given by Ramdev, Balkrishna and Patanjali Ayurved Ltd," advocate Gautam Talukdar, who represented the yoga guru, Balkrishna and the firm, said. The top court was hearing a plea filed by the Indian Medical Association (IMA), which alleged that Patanjali Ayurved had engaged in a smear campaign against the Covid vaccination drive and modern medical practices.

## JCB Introduces the Telescopic Boom Platform, the T 65D in India

**Faridabad:** JCB, the world's leading manufacturer for Material Handling equipment, today inaugurated its very first diesel Telescopic Boom Platform, the T 65D in Goa during the Aerial Platform Association of India's (APAIOI) conference. The machine offers higher standards of Reliability, Efficiency, Comfort, and most importantly Safety. The machine is manufactured at JCB's state-of-the-art factory in Jaipur. JCB India's CEO and Managing Director, Mr. Deepak Shetty said "This world-class machine is designed around Safety and Productivity and



gives our customers the option to buy Made-in-India machines with full product support. Our customers can now buy new equipment with full warranty and JCB support backup and not depend on used imports. We have invested significantly in our Jaipur facility so that these machines

can be built, to one-global-quality standard" The machine has a platform height of 65 ft & 4 in and has a reach of 56 ft & 6 in with 450 kgs maximum load. The machine is powered by a JCB diesel engine and comes with two work zones. It has an 8 ft platform, and the machine maximum

weight is 12,500 kgs. It has four-wheel-drive as a standard feature and has enhanced safety features which include the secondary guarding system, crush hazard which always protects the Operator. It offers greater productivity through intuitive controls, oscillating starting angle, and Joystick ergonomics for fatigue free working. He further added, "India is a strong economy in the world today. As business and trade increase, so will the opportunities for products such as the Telescopic Boom Lift. The T 65D is available not only for the Domestic market which is expected to significantly grow.



## Medical checkup and treatment camp organized at Maharishi Dayanand Public School

**CHANDIGARH :** N.A. Cultural Society, IDA Mohali, HSJ Dental College Panjab University and NGO Sarvaprem organized a medical checkup and treatment camp for students of Maharishi Dayanand Public School, Daria, Chandigarh conducted Smt.



Skindra Devi Multimedia Hall and mobile dental van of Dr. Harbans Singh Judge Institute of Dental Sciences and Hospital South Campus, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Team of 15 doctors along with Cultural Society specially Payal, Anita Mida, Romika Badhera, Dr. Poonam Sood, Dr. Kavita Sharma, Dr. Pratibha Chauhan, and Sarva Prem Group President Prem Ojha, Aradhana Ojha etc. contributed to this wonderful work. President of NA Cultural Society Nikhar Anand Mida thanked all the dignitaries who participated in this camp and said that we thank God that he has entrusted us with this task. This is our small effort towards society. In this camp, Area Councilor Bimala Dubey, former deputy mayor Anil

Dubey, Shanu Dubey, BJP leader JP Rana also registered their special presence. Councilor Bimla Dubey said that setting up such camps in rural areas is a commendable act. He praised Maharishi Dayanand Public School and said that this school is always ready for the development of the children of rural areas. He appreciated N.A. Cultural Society, IDA Mohali, HSJ Dental College and NGO Sarv Prem for the public welfare works. Principal of the school Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma thanked all the people involved in this noble work in organizing the dental checkup and treatment camp. Saplings were also distributed to all the organizations that had joined hands with the NA Cultural Society.

## Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri C P Radhakrishnan inaugurates the iconic statue of NSE Bull and launches a Coffee Table Book at NSE Headquarters

**GURUGRAM :** Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri C P Radhakrishnan inaugurated the iconic statue of NSE Bull and launched a commemorative Coffee Table Book titled "The Journey of Empowering 1.4 billion Dreams," at NSE Headquarters today along with Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, NSE. The statue of NSE Bull represents strength, power, and resilience—qualities that are key to India's economic growth. The bull's strong legs, prominent hump, and formidable presence symbolize the nation's robust financial ecosystem. Surrounded by figures representing the People of India from diverse backgrounds—such as a school-going boy, a village woman, and professionals—the sculpture underscores the inclusivity and unity of India's investment landscape. This iconic creation reflects the col-



lective efforts of the nation, working together towards a common goal of economic progress. Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, NSE said: "We are proud to inaugurate the statue of NSE Bull and launch our Coffee Table Book today at the hands of Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan. The NSE Bull shows the symbiotic and virtuous relationship of Samaj and Bazaar. The bull is a symbol of Capital Markets while the common people showcase Samaj, at NSE Headquarters which is bazaar. 30 years ago in 1994, the stock market

to channelise savings of in India i.e., bazaar, was not accessible to the Samaj. With the advent of first-of-its-kind, automated, screen-based trading at NSE, the market reached all corners of the country and today, NSE has over 10 Crore unique investors registered with the exchange. The Coffee Table Book chronicles the story of this institution that is an inspiration for all of us. Looking 30 years back, with a lot of nostalgia, I am proud to say that despite a few hiccups, NSE has more than fulfilled its vision of creating a vibrant and growth-oriented stock market ecosystem.



## No personal coaches, media embargo under NRAI's Olympic shooting guidelines.

**Delhi-To** prepare its players for the quadrennial spectacle, the National Rifle Association of India has imposed severe conditions on Paris Olympic shooters, including a "media blackout" and no personal coaches at the national camp. In its "national team protocol", the federation informs shooters that parents cannot "stay" or "visit" their wards at camps and that Pierre Beauchamp, the High Performance Director (HPD), must make an exception. According to the NRAI's "NRAI Olympic Team Undertaking and SOP for Paris 2024 Olympic Games - Pistol/Rifle Teams" letter to Olympic-bound shooters, the goal is to "ensure the clarity of the training and readiness plan for Olympic Games Paris 2024 by the shooters and the National Team Coaches and Sport Science support." "It is essential to have effective organization, discipline, planned and dedicated training programmes for the best performance of shooters participating as National Team India at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games," the note states. The letter states that only NRAI-approved personal coaches and sport science consultants with signed SOPs can assist the "National Training team for the concerned shooter(s) in assisting and/or discussing with the National Training Team under the leadership of the HPD and the chief coach (rifle and pistol)." Personal coaches without NRAI approval are prohibited. "The NRAI National Team program of the Olympic Games does not allow personal trainers, physiotherapists, nutritionists, or psychologists." Under "Media Blackout", the NRAI says shooters must avoid the media.

## Tata Salt Immuno: Supporting Balanced Nutrition this National Nutrition Week

**MEWAT/ SIRSA :** In today's world, where well-being and immunity have become key priorities, Tata Salt Immuno offers a thoughtful blend of iodine and zinc, two vital micronutrients that contribute to overall well-being and immune support. Zinc is an essential micronutrient, recognized for its role in supporting the immune system. The inclusion of zinc in daily diets has gained increasing importance as part of a balanced nutritional approach. However, finding convenient ways for its intake can sometimes be challenging. Tata Salt Immuno simplifies this by blending salt with both zinc and iodine, allowing consumers to integrate these essential nutrients into their regular diets with ease. This



dual-nutrient formulation provides a way to support a part of their intake without requiring significant

changes to daily food habits, making it an accessible option for households.

As we mark National Nutrition Week, Tata Salt Immuno aligns with the event's emphasis on balanced nutrition and informed dietary choices.

The product serves as a reminder that small, mindful choices—can contribute meaningfully for a part of essential nutrient intake.

Tata Salt Immuno is part of Tata Salt's broader commitment to continuous innovation in the edible salt category.

The brand has long been synonymous with trust, quality, and well-being, and it continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of Indian consumers.

## The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team wins 2-2 (4-2 SO) versus Belgium

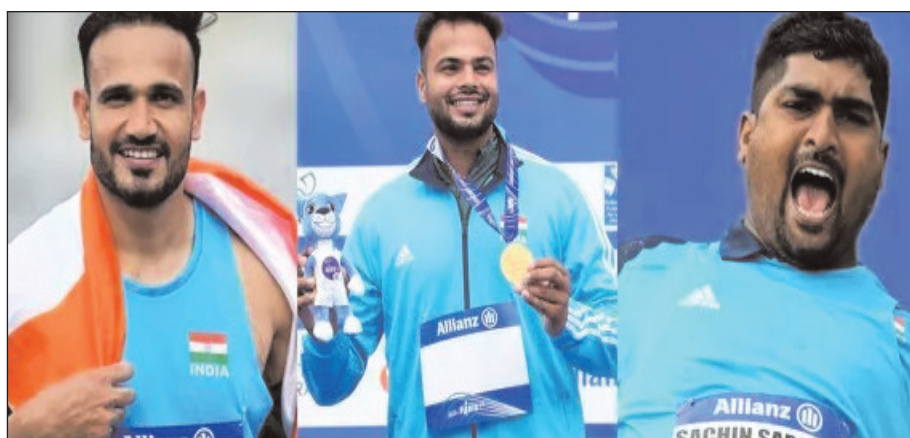
**Delhi** As part of their ongoing European tour, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team defeated Belgium with a resounding 4-2 shootout victory after regulation ended in a stalemate. India's best goal scorer, Kanika Siwach, led the team with an outstanding brace. In the first quarter, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team quickly found their rhythm and made an impres-

sion. Kanika Siwach rang the boards to give India the lead following an early penalty corner. In the same quarter, Kanika soon after scored her second goal of the game to make it 2-0. India kept up their momentum and held off Belgium during a goalless second quarter to limit their team and take a dominating lead into halftime. In the third quarter, Belgium had opportunities, including a pivotal penalty corner,

but the Indian defense was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead.

Minutes before the half, Belgium finally broke free in the last quarter, scoring twice in rapid succession to square the score at 2-2. India prevailed in the subsequent shootout to win the match 2-2 (4-2 SO). The next game for the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team is scheduled for in Breda, against Germany.

## Para-Athletics Worlds: India wins most medals ever



**Delhi** India continued their medal run at the 2024 Para-Athletics World Championship in Kobe, Japan, with Simran Sharma winning gold in the Women's 200 meters T12. Preethi Pal won her second Championship medal, a bronze in the Women's 100m T35. Preethi previously won 200-meter bronze in the same category. India's Navdeep earned a bronze medal in the Men's Javelin Throw F41 with a sea-

son-best 42.82 meters. India won 17 medals, including six gold, five silver, and six bronze, surpassing the 2023 total. Indian para-athletes' performance in Kobe is a credit to their hard work, resilience, and strong support system from coaches, support staff, and the Athletics Federation of India. Their achievement inspires prospective athletes and boosts India's para-athletics profile. Deepthi Jeevanji established a world record

of 55.06 seconds in the Women's 400m T20, winning the gold medal with amazing hard effort and motivation. Breaking the world record and earning gold at the World Championships is a dream. I appreciate my coaches, family, and Indian contingent. After breaking the world record, Deepthi Jeevanji commented, "This is just the beginning, and I am excited for the future, especially.

## Flipkart's sellers conclave in Delhi empowers over 1500 entrepreneurs to thrive in the ecommerce ecosystem

**PANIPAT :** In a dynamic fusion of innovation and entrepreneurship, the Delhi seller conclave united over 1500 visionary sellers, who, through immersive sessions and expert guidance, explored areas of customer demands and market trends through a diverse range of engaging sessions. The seller's conclave is setting milestones in the ecommerce landscape, sparking meaningful connections among entrepreneurs, driving innovation through expert insights and trendspotting, and reshaping the online retail landscape by empowering businesses to adapt, grow, and thrive in a rapidly changing digital world. Flipkart, India's homegrown e-com-



merce marketplace, hosted an impactful seller conclave in Delhi as part of its nationwide effort to empower and uplift local entrepreneurs. In Delhi, 1500 unique sellers gathered to engage in insightful sessions to enhance their understanding of market dynamics, customer preferences, and strategic growth opportunities. The seller conclave, hosted ahead of the 11th edition of The Big Billion Days (TBBDD), aims to equip sellers with advanced tools, skills, and knowledge, preparing them to excel during the upcoming festive

season. The conclave facilitated meaningful connections and fostered a collaborative ecosystem, driving growth, success, and mutual prosperity for sellers and Flipkart alike. The event was graced by several Flipkart leaders, including Rajneesh Kumar, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer; Jeyanandan Venugopal, Chief Product and Technology Officer; Sandeep Karwa, Vice President of Flipkart Ads Platform; Hemant Badri, Senior Vice President and Head of Supply Chain, Customer.

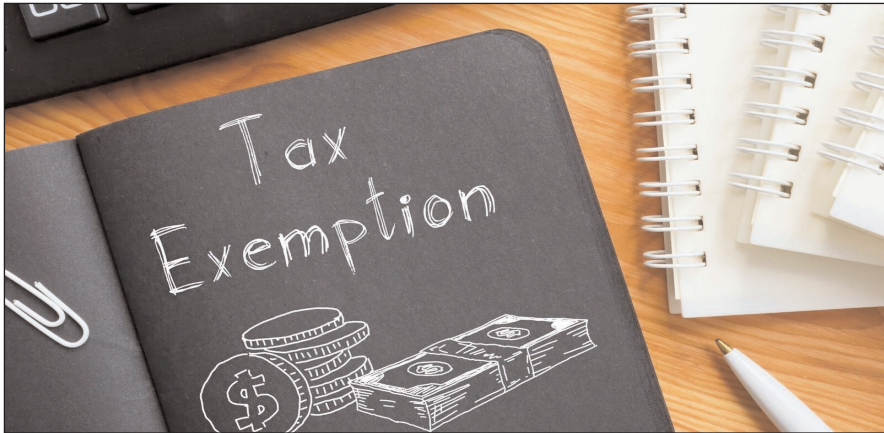
## HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

**Delhi:** The Delhi High Court has ordered the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) to admit students from districts other than their own. Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the order to not admit a pupil to JNV, Mungeshpur, and said the child can be admitted in Class 6 of the 2024-25 academic year and remain there. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. While the matter is pending with a division bench, the student in the previous petition was allowed to continue studying at the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, as an interim measure. The high court overturned the petitioner's exclusion from Jawahar Navodaya.

Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur. "The petitioner is entitled to Class 6 admission to the JNV (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur) in 2024-25 and continues education there.



## As hundreds of Chinese items lose tax exclusions, the US-China trade battle escalates



**Delhi:** Recently, the US has banned, restricted, or imposed high taxes on hundreds of Chinese imports to stimulate domestic production and reduce dependence on Chinese commodities. The USTR has already added tariffs to half of 429 items. The USTR excluded further duties from the "Section 301" probe of China's technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation measures in previous announcements. The current 429 product-specific exclusions (352 reinstated and 77 COVID-related) expire

on May 31, 2024. The US trade agency declared a 14-day transition period for all current exclusions until June 14, 2024, and to "extend certain exclusions through May 31, 2025" in a new notice. "To allow for a transition period, the US Trade Representative is extending all currently expiring exclusions through June 14, 2024," it stated. Chinese motors and medical equipment are excluded until May 2025. The USTR ruled that "extending these exclusions will support efforts to shift sour-

ing out of China, or provide additional time where, despite efforts to source products from alternative sources, availability of the product outside of China remains limited". Last March, the USTR reinstated some "Section 301" tariff exceptions for Chinese goods. Former President Donald Trump began a trade war with China and imposed tariffs on nearly \$300 billion in Chinese goods, invoking Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. Trump granted product tariff exclusions for select businesses

## UPI connection boosts RuPay credit cards

**Delhi:** UPI (Unified Payments Interface) integration has boosted RuPay credit cards, with 75% of 'Credit Cards (CC) on UPI' transactions happening at small businesses, according to a Thursday report. Kiwi found that 'Credit Cards on UPI' was most popular among young folks under 40. CC on UPI is the main payment method, with consumers spending over Rs 22,000 monthly. UPI CCs average 21 transactions each month, four times more than real credit cards. "RuPay Credit Cards' market share rose from 3% in FY23 to 10% in FY24. "UPI's success is



largely responsible," stated Kiwi Co-founder Mohit Bedi. Virtual credit cards are growing rapidly. He stated that about 20% of credit cards issued in the country are virtual. The survey found that UPI CC transactions average

Rs 1,125, compared to Rs 4,000 for standard credit cards. The survey also found that supermarket and Kirana stores used CC on UPI the most (33%), followed by clothes and electronics (15%) and food and dining (7%).

## The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine on Hero FinCorp for violating regulatory standards

**Delhi:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined Hero FinCorp Limited Rs 3,10,000 for violating the fair practices policy for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). An RBI assessment has uncovered that Hero FinCorp failed



to communicate the terms and conditions of loans in written form to

borrowers in a language that they understand. RBI conducted a statutory inspection of the company, specifically focusing on its financial situation as of March 31, 2023.

## CAPSULES

### Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Jan Abhiyan-2024: Rural Development Dept leads with 13.54 crore saplings planted

**Lucknow**

As Uttar Pradesh set a record by planting over 36.51 crore saplings in a single day as part of its Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Jan Abhiyan-2024, the Rural Development Department made the largest contribution to this effort, planting 13.54 crore saplings. Sonbhadra topped among the districts with 1 crore 53 lakh saplings planted. The Sheesham tree was the most planted species, with more than 4 crore 33 lakh 38 thousand saplings planted across Uttar Pradesh. Out of more than 36.51 crore saplings planted, the highest number were Sheesham trees, with 4 crore 33 lakh 38 thousand 723 saplings. Additionally, 4 crore 33 lakh 7 thousand 858 teak saplings, 2 crore 19 lakh 10 thousand 650 Jamun saplings, 1 crore 67 lakh 73 thousand 913 Arjun saplings, and 95 lakh 32 thousand 275 Amla saplings were planted. The Sonbhadra district saw the highest number of saplings planted, with 1 crore 53 lakh saplings. Other districts also contributed significantly: 97 lakh saplings were planted in Jhansi, 95 lakh in Lakhimpur Kheri, 94 lakh in Jalaun, and more than 93 lakh saplings in Mirzapur, all within a single day. The Rural Development Department led the way, planting 13 crore 54 lakh saplings, the highest among all departments. The Forest, Wildlife Department made a significant contribution by planting 12.64 crore saplings, enhancing the greenery of Uttar Pradesh.

## Mahakumbh will be grand, divine, green, clean and safe: CM Yogi

**Prayagraj** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a meeting with senior officials and public representatives on Saturday to discuss the preparations for Mahakumbh-25 in Prayagraj. During the meeting, CM Yogi provided essential guidelines to ensure the event is divine, grand, green, clean, and safe. In addition to this, the CM also reviewed ongoing development works with public representatives. He emphasized the importance of accelerating these proj-

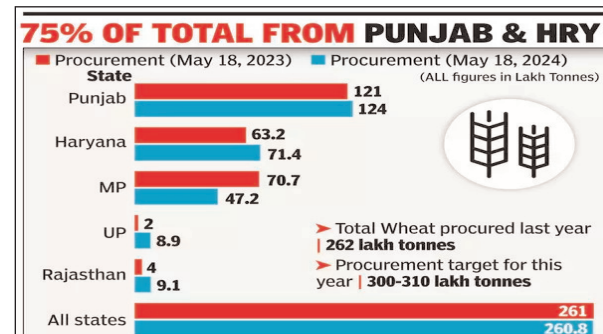
ects and maintaining regular inspections. Following the meetings, CM Yogi paid tribute to martyr Chandrashekhar Azad by garlanding his statue on the Circuit House premises. He then planted a Bael sapling as part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign initiated by PM Modi under the 'Ped Lagao Ped Bachao Abhiyan 2024'. CM Yogi later visited the Lete Hanuman Temple at the Sangam, where he offered prayers and sought blessings. Concluding his visit, he went to the residence of

Cabinet Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, where he blessed the newly married son and daughter-in-law of the Minister and presented them with a gift from the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme. Complete all tasks on time with quality by October. During the meeting, Kumbh Mela Officer Vijay Kiran Anand made a presentation to CM Yogi. After that, various departments presented their progress reports on the preparations. The CM gave instructions to ensure that

Mahakumbh is grand, divine, clean, safe, and green. He directed that all personnel on duty at Mahakumbh should be provided with nameplates and unique codes and that their training should be completed on time. Emphasizing cleanliness, he stated that single-use plastic should be completely banned in the Kumbh area to maintain a green Mahakumbh. He also instructed that all work should be completed on time and with quality, warning that negligence will not be tolerated.

## Fully procured wheat by centre exceeds last year's mark

**Delhi:** This Rabi selling season, the Food Ministry announced that the Central government had purchased 262.48 lakh metric tonnes of wheat in various states, beating previous year's 262.02 lakh. The Rabi marketing season 2024-25 MSP outflow was Rs. 59,715 crores, benefiting 22.31 lakh farmers. Five states dominated procurement. Punjab procured 124.26 lakh metric tons (LMT), followed by Haryana with 71.49 LMT and Madhya Pradesh with 47.78 LMT. Rajasthan and



Uttar Pradesh followed with 9.66 and 9.07 LMT. According to the Ministry, 728.42 LMT paddy equivalent to 489.15 LMT of rice has been acquired directly from 98.26 lakh farmers during the Kharif marketing scheme 2023-24, with a total

MSP outflow of Rs. 1,60,472 crores. The Food Ministry said the Central Pool's wheat and rice stock had topped 600 LMT, allowing the country to meet its food grain needs under PMGKAY, other welfare initiatives, and market interventions.

## Asian Paints launches its first 'Beautiful Homes' store in Rajouri

**VATIKA TIMES**  
**NEW DELHI:** India's largest paint and décor company, Asian Paints launches its first premium 'Beautiful Homes', a multi-category décor showroom in Rajouri Garden, Delhi. Located in Block B, the new Asian Paints Beautiful Homes store



is set to offer a unique and immersive shopping experience with technological trends that will enhance customer service and experiences at the store. The state-of-the-art store was inaugurated by Amit Syngle, Managing Director & CEO, Asian Paints today. The store displays products across multiple categories for residential as well as commercial spaces. Spread across 5000 sq. ft. across two floors, the Beautiful

Homes store in Rajouri Garden is an one-stop-shop that offers comprehensive solutions to consumers displaying a diverse range of products across all home categories - Furniture, Bath, Lights, Fabrics, Rugs, Modular Kitchens and Wardrobes, Bedding, Safe Painting Services and much more. Visitors can also explore the exquisite decorative lighting collection from White Teak, and the wide range of Weatherseal's UPVC windows and doors.

## Education is a powerful tool to guide the development of society: Ramchander Jadoula

**Vikas Kumar Kaithal:** Former Director Hafed and famous social worker Ramchander Jadoula said that through education every citizen can and is contributing to the welfare and progress of the society. Education provides a kind of direction in the life of every person which changes the way of thinking and understanding, so it is very important to explain the importance of education in every field and increase awareness about it. Talking in an interview at his establishment in New Anaj Mandi Dhand, former Director Ramchander Jadoula said that education is not only a source of knowledge, but it gives a person a sense of self-dedication, excellence, and responsibility



towards the society. An educated person can initiate a positive change in his society. That is why education is considered an important tool for the development of society. He said that there is a need to draw the attention of the society towards education. Many people consider education to be limited only to studies and examinations, whereas it should actually be comprehensive. An aware society makes its people aware of how

important education is for their overall personality and social upliftment. Former Director Hafed Ramchander Jadoula said that it is necessary to increase awareness in every field for education. Active participation is required at all levels to understand the importance of education and implement it in the society. He said that it has to be ensured that every person is explained that education is not only a means of study, but a powerful tool to guide the development of a society. Society should work actively to improve the quality of education, so that the level of education can improve overall. It is also important to use digital platforms to increase awareness towards education.

## Yogi govt scripts history with more than 36.51 crore saplings planted in a single day in UP

**Lucknow** Uttar Pradesh created history on Saturday with a total of 36,51,45,477 (over 36.50 crore) saplings planted across the state till 6 pm, surpassing the government's target by 1,45,477 saplings, on the occasion of the launch of a massive plantation drive by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. In alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative, the 'Ped Bachao, Ped Lagao Jan Abhiyan-2024' campaign was conducted on a large scale across the state. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath kicked off the plantation campaign on the banks of the Kukrail River in Lucknow. Additionally, the CM planted saplings in Prayagraj and Gorakhpur. Governor Anandiben Patel participated by planting saplings in

Sitapur, while all state government ministers also contributed by planting saplings in various districts. Following the unexpected success of the 'Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Mahabhiyan 2024,' Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath congratulated everyone on his official social media account 'X'. He wrote, "Today, in the 'New Uttar Pradesh' of 'New India,' the public welfare resolution of planting more than 36.50 crore saplings in a single day has been fulfilled. This record, expressing gratitude towards nature and Mother Earth, demonstrates the immense public engagement with the call. of respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji #Ek\_Ped\_Maa\_Ke\_Naam. Heartfelt congratulations and commendations to all the esteemed.